

REMARKS

Claim 25 has been amended to broaden the claim in several respects. For example, "a means for transporting the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube" is now recited in claim 25. A specific example of this is now recited in new claim 34, which is further defined in new claim 35.

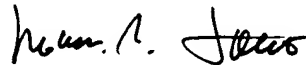
Claims 32 and 33 were canceled, but the subject matter of these two claims reappears in new claims 35 and 36. This was done to keep the system claims together numerically.

No new matter has been added, the claims being supportable by the specification.

Applicants incorporate by reference herein the comments made in their earlier response of September 20, 2001, and respectfully ask that the newly submitted claims and discussion of the invention be considered, and the claims allowed.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and/or claims by this amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

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Claim 25 was amended as follows:

- 25 (amended). A system for packaging products of varying size comprising:
- a) a first film roller, the film roller holding a first lay-flat thermoplastic film tube of a first width;
 - b) a second film roller, the film roller holding a second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube of a second width,
wherein the first film width is different from the second film width;
 - c) a means for selecting the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube based on the size of the product to be packaged;
 - d) a means for selecting a length of the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube based on the size of the product to be packaged;
 - e) a means for remotely sensing the size of the product to be packaged; and
 - f) a means for sealing and cutting the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube after it has been selected, the means for sealing and cutting comprising:
 - [i) an alignment roller;
 - ii) a nip roller assembly;
 - i) a means for transporting the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube;
 - [iii)] ii) a [sealing head] means for making a transverse seal in the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube;
 - [iv)] iii) a [cutting head] means for cutting the sealed lay-flat thermoplastic film tube to make a bag; and
 - [v)] iv) a means for dispensing the bag.